

Fwd: Background facts on the vaccine mandate for cross-border truckers

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Just fyi.
I can share more tomorrow.
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Thanks so much, Omar! And thank you for taking the time to discuss this with me. I know you are really busy and I really appreciate it.
The one group that was further flagged to me was Canadian grocery stores, which I mention as an fyi.
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Hi Chrystia,

Thanks for your phone call today. Here is more background info on the consultation we had done and more details about US truck drivers. Only 2% of overall US truck drivers cross the border into Canada which makes it easier for companies to designate vaccinated drivers to Canadian routes.

If you need more info, don't hesitate to reach out.

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Minister,

The following are a few key background facts related to the truckers and the vaccine mandate that may be useful in the context of ongoing expressions of concern about impacts.

Groups and companies we consulted with on both sides of the border since the November announcement:

Transport Canada engaged:

In Canada

- * Canadian Trucking Alliance
 - * Private Motor Truck Council of Canada
 - * Teamsters Canada
 - * Global Automakers Canada
 - * US-Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers Association
 - * Women's Trucking Federation of Canada
 - * Various shipping companies including: UPS Canada; Linde Canada (medical gasses); Walmart
 - * Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators
- *In addition – many individual companies and truckers have exchanged correspondence with TC on this topic, and there is a standard response going back to them

In the US

- * US-Canada International Travel Expert Working Group
- * PCO-led call with White House (National Security Council; National Economic Council; Council of Economic Advisors; US Embassy)
- * American Trucking Associations (via Frank Stendardo)
- * U.S. Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
- * U.S. Department of Transportation

Companies engaged at a session coordinated by CTA:

- * Bison Transport
- * Day and Ross Inc
- * JR Driving
- * JE Fortin
- * TFI International

- * CAT
- * Challenger
- * ON Freight
- * Verspeeten
- * Kriska Group
- * ERB Group
- * Tandet
- * Jade Transport
- * QLine Trucking
- * KAG Canada
- * Caron Transport Canada
- * Ronenau
- * Sutco
- * Munden Trucking
- * XTL
- * SLT

Number of US truckers that cross the Canada-US border

Roughly 14,000 trucks cross the border each way every day. We estimate about 70% of the trucks have Canadian drivers and 30% US drivers.

There are approximately 3.6 million truck drivers in the U.S., and something in the range of 40,000-70,000 are carrying out cross-border trips with some regularity. Even at the top end of this range, only about 2 per cent of US truck drivers cross the border.

Given only 2% of US truck drivers cross the Can-US border, there is clearly significant potential to swap routes to accommodate the need for vaccinated drivers on the border runs, even after taking account constraints on swapping routes such as credentials of the driver, willingness for long-haul trips, routes served by individual transport operators

The Proposed US Vaccine Requirement for Cross-Border Truckers

The US border rule would only apply to foreign national (IE Canadian truckers). Given the Canadian rule starts Jan 15, the US rule will have no

significant additional impact on the Canadian border -- It would obviously have some impact on the Mexican border.

Regarding US implementation of the vaccine mandate, it was not affected by the Supreme Court ruling this week striking down the Administrations' employer mandate. In this context there continues to be speculation on the future of the US border measure, and noise related to this. However, the WH is still messaging its intent to proceed: Late yesterday the WH told PCO they are sticking to their plan to proceed with the vaccine requirement for the 22nd, and the rule would be published in their federal register soon (although delayed from today).

We will be monitoring the situation at the border with CBSA and PHAC over the next few days.

Happy to provide additional background if it would be helpful.

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